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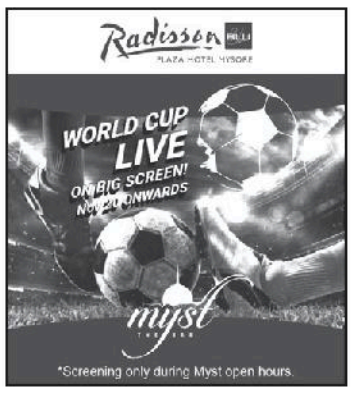

Man from Mysuru arrested for cheating elders using ATM card

Accused wanted in eight cases across Karnataka; 14 debit cards of different banks recovered

Bengaluru / Chikkaballapur, Dec. 14 (Agencies)- After a five-month chase, the Chikkaballapur Police have finally arrested a 32-year-old man from Mysuru, who stole the debit cards of senior citizens visiting ATMs on the pretext of helping them withdraw money.

The accused, identified as B.K. Kiran Kumar from Halenahalli in Mysuru, would also record the PIN number on his phone and would later use it to withdraw the money. He was involved in eight such cases across the State and was pinned down by Policemen in plain clothes on Monday, who kept a watch on the ATMs anticipating that he would visit again.

Initial investigation revealed that the accused used to travel to key towns where he would wait for senior citizens, who find it difficult to withdraw cash from isolated ATMs. Sensing that they need some help, Kiran Kumar, on the pretext of helping them, switched their ATM card. Later, he withdrew cash using the original ATM card of the victims.

Kiran Kumar had come to an ATM at Chamarajpet in Sidlaghatta, when the Police nabbed him. According to the Police, a detailed inquiry led him to confess, based on which the Police recovered 14 debit cards of different banks and Rs. 2.4 lakh in cash from him.

During investigation, the accused confessed to the crime and it was revealed that he would record the PIN number on his phone, using which he would later withdraw the money.

(See CHEATING on page 6)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled ***"Is religion darkness?"*** **—Ed**

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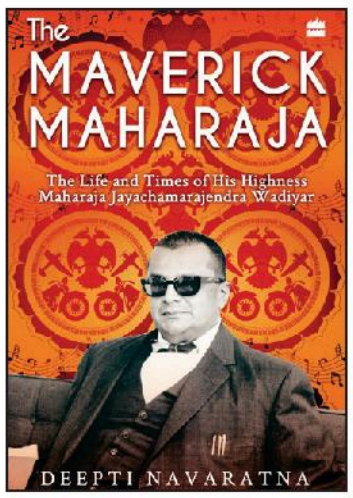
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 14th December 2022

'The Maverick Maharaja'

Biography of JC Wadiyar to be released on Dec. 18

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (SSM) - Book titled 'The Maverick Maharaja,' the first English biography of Mysore Maharaja Jayachamarajendra (JC) Wadiyar, authored by **Dr. Deepti Navaratna**, will be released at a programme jointly organised by Harper Collins, India and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road here on Dec. 18 at 11 am. Writer and academician Prof. C. Naganna will speak about the book.



'The Maverick Maharaja' is the narrative that draws upon JC Wadiyar's creative expressions with respect to music, text, prose and writings to narrate in rich technicolour. It is the paradoxical portrait of a Maharaja who embodied the wisdom of the East and sensibilities of the West with great equanimity. It captures a life of great pomp and predicaments and legacies converged on his consciousness.

Dr. Deepti Navaratna is a musician and neuroscientist whose research interests span neuroscience, arts and history. Until recently, she served as the Regional Director, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Bengaluru. She is the first Indian woman to have performed at the Parliament of World Religions in 2021 and the first Indian classical musician to have received a scholarship to study world music at New England Conservatory of Music in 2012. Deepti holds a doctorate degree in Neuroscience and has authored over twenty original scientific research papers.

For further details, contact Mob: 99802-50114.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Food is a wonderful vehicle for cultural exchange that allows us to develop respect for and appreciation of other societies. In North America, Japanese, Chinese and Thai cuisine have all enjoyed their day in the sun, and now it is India's turn. And since the popularity of a country's cuisine is to some extent linked to its prestige, it is no surprise that Indian cuisines are gaining new popularity throughout the world. Although Indian restaurants existed as early in Britain as the mid-19th century, they became more widespread in the Western world starting in the 1960s. In the old days their menus were limited to such standards as tandoori and butter chicken in North America and Balti curries and chicken tikka masala in the UK.

Although it is largely a myth that Indian food is spicy hot, Westerners are no longer so afraid of expanding their spice horizons. Food experts have identified a preference for spicy and bold flavours as one of the main consumer trends in the 21st century.

In India, diet and medicine have always been inseparable and spices are considered beneficial, especially turmeric. Many of my friends take turmeric in one form or another for its health-giving properties that have been confirmed by clinical trials. The rise of vegetarianism for health and ethical reasons is another factor in the popularity of Indian cuisine.

Fifty years ago it was nearly impossible to find Indian ingredients in North America. Today mainstream super market chains offer their own lines of Indian spices and products, such as frozen curries or breads, enabling everyone to explore the delights of one of the world's richest and most diverse cuisines in their own homes.

—Colleen Taylor Sen in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Tallest man who ever lived

Illinois: Robert Wadlow, also known as "The Giant of Illinois," from 1935. The US man was recognised as the world's tallest man ever recorded by the Guinness World Records. Wadlow holds the records since 1955. He measured 8 ft 11.1 in (2.72 m) tall when last measured on 27 June 1940. By the age of five, Wadlow was an incredible 1.63 m (5 ft 4 in) and had to wear clothes intended for teenagers. Aged eight, he overtook his 5 ft 11 in tall father.

"Amazing picture of the tallest man who ever lived," the Guinness World Records Tweeted a post.

Wadlow suffered from a condition that caused hyperplasia of his pituitary gland. This resulted in an abnormally high level of the human growth hormone. Robert's incredible height caused a number of medical issues, however, which worsened as he grew older - and taller.

Angler reels in 67.4-pound goldfish

France: A British angler who cast his line at a carp fishery in France had his photos go viral after he reeled in a monster 67.4-pound goldfish.

Bluewater Lakes, a carp fishery in Champagne, posted photos to Facebook showing Andy Hackett, 42, posing with his prize catch, a massive goldfish known locally as "The Carrot."

The fishery said the goldfish was put into the lake 15 years ago to give anglers something interesting to catch, but it wasn't until last year that the fish was noted to have grown to a size in excess of 60 pounds.

Bluewater Lakes shared a video of The Carrot being returned to the water after being weighed and photographed.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Symptoms of stress urinary incontinence are urinary leak when we are coughing, laughing and lifting some weights.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T.P. - Consultant Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Entries invited for photo calendar

Mysuru, Dec. 14- The Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) has invited good and attractive photographs on heritage buildings of the city for publication in the annual photo calendar to be brought out by the Association. The photos, in original size, must be sent in pen drive to the MDJA office located on 5th Cross, near Akkana Balaga School, Thyagaraja Road, Agrahara, latest by Dec. 20.

The best 12 photographs will be selected for publication, according to a press release.

For details, call Mob: 94485-69843 or 93433-81800 or e-mail: ***mysurumdja@gmail.com***

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TODAY'S MATCH (DEC. 14)

- **Argentina 3** BEAT **Croatia 0**

TOMORROW'S MATCH (DEC. 15)

- **Frace** Vs **Morocco** 12.30 am

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REALLY...?

- *Scientists say tears tell you the reason for someone crying. If the first drop comes from the right eye, it's tears of joy. Otherwise, it's because of pain.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.56
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.02
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.48
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.74

VOICE OF THE READER

Extend streetlight timings during winter season

Sir,

Of late we find that the streetlights are switched off at 6 am from a central point which is a good thing and need of the hour.

But now being winter season, sunrise is very late. So the morning joggers and walkers find it extremely difficult not to speak of the vast majority of the domestic help as it is dark at 6 am.

Will the authorities please see to it that the streetlights are switched off when there is sufficient daylight in the morning because now people are almost groping in the dark.

The streetlight timings may be extended (both morning and evening) during winter season and revert to fixed timings later.

—Dr. Gladys Rasquinha
Mysuru
9.12.2022

II

Sir,

For the past few days streetlights on Valmiki Road in V.V. Mohalla are being switched off 10-15 minutes before sunrise, leaving the road dark for morning pedestrians.

Hope MCC will ask the staff concerned to switch off the lights after sun rises.

—Sanjay Kini
Mysuru
8.12.2022

Rotary Ivory City is 100% Paul Harris Fellows Club

FROM LEFT: ***DRFC Rtn. Dr. Soorya Narayan, Ivory TRF Chairman Rtn. M. Perumal, PDG Rtn. K. Krishna Shetty, Past AG Rtn. Sunil Baliga, Rotary Foundation Trustee Rtn. PRID Dr. Bharath Pandya, District Governor Rtn. Prakash Karanth and AG Rtn. S. Balachandar.***

Mysuru, Dec. 14- Rotary Ivory City, Mysuru, has been officially declared a 100 percent Paul Harris Fellows Club by Rotary International.

Named after a former President of the Rotary Foundation, Rotarians are encouraged to become Paul Harris Fellows (PHFs) by contributing USD 1000 to the Foundation which will in turn be used to fund service projects of Rotary International across the world.

Rotary Ivory City, which was started in 2015, has 41 members including 18 lady Rotarians. At *Samarpan,* the Rotary Foundation seminar held at Mangaluru in November 2022, Rotary Foundation Trustee Rtn. PRID Dr. Bharath Pandya congratulated the Club and released the Club's flag.

Rtn. Dr. Soorya Narayan, DRFC, Rtn. Prakash Karanth, District Governor, Rtn. PDG. Krishna Shetty, Rtn. Past AG Sunil Baliga, AG Rtn. S. Balachandar and TRFC Rtn. M. Perumal were present on the occasion.

Under Global Grants of the Rotary Foundation, Ushakiran Eye Hospital has screened 35,199 children, provided glasses to 976 children, conducted eye operation on 51 children and treated 284 patients with laser treatment for Diabetic Retinopathy.

Under District Rotary Foundation Grants, the Club has provided drinking water facility and renovated classroom at a Government Lower Primary School, Maradi Hundi in T. Narasipur taluk and established a Biology Lab for Sri Satya Saibaba High School in Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru.

10th International Conference on 'HR for Business Excellence'

Mysuru, Dec. 14- Corporate world has experienced unprecedented disruptions due to COVID-19 and Human Resources (HR) has been at the heart of it.

Keeping this in mind, Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDMIMD) has organised the 10th International Conference on 'HR for Business Excellence' on Dec. 15 and 16, under the aegis of BCIC (Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce) - SDMIMD Centre for Management Excellence.

On Dec. 15, K.R. Sekar, Partner, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP, will deliver the keynote address, at 12 noon.

The other speakers in the Conference include Dr. Augustus Azariah, Employee & Labour Relations Leader at Kyndryl, Asia Pacific Middle East & Africa region; R. Venkatanarayanan, President - HR & CHRO, Rane Group; PCC (ICF); and Dr. Lakshmi Jagannathan, Chairperson, BCIC Start-Up Expert, Committee and CEO, DERBI Foundation.

The Conference aims to address various people-related challenges, in the present business situation. More than 100 participants are expected to take part in the Conference, according to a press release from Dr. M.V. Sunil, Head - Academic Administration, SDMIMD, Mysuru. [Mob: 99864-39832]

Pension Adalat in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 14- South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, is holding a Nation-wide Pension Adalat at 11 am on Dec. 15 at the Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Mysuru.

Additional Divisional Railway Manager will Chair the Adalat. The Railway pensioners/ family pensioners and their wards may attend the Adalat and represent their grievances, if any, for consideration and redressal during the Adalat, according to a press release from Dr. Manjunath Kanamadi, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager and Senior PRO, SWR, Mysuru.

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E-Tender Notice No. 04/GS/MYS Dated: 09-12-2022

Item of work	Approx. Value
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Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 02-01-2023	

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AND
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SUMMONS TO THE RESPONDENT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

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The Hon'ble Authority by its order dated 06.12.2022 has ordered issuance of summons to you by substituted service. Therefore you are hereby directed to appear and show cause as to why the complaint should not be decreed, **on 04.01.2023 at 11.30 A.M.**, in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed in the matter.

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NEWS BRIEFS

NSS camp

Vidyavardhaka First Grade College, Mysuru and National Service Scheme (NSS), University of Mysore (UoM), have organised an annual NSS Camp in Gopalapura in Mysuru taluk from Dec. 14 to 20. MLA G.T. Devegowda will inaugurate the camp today at 4.30 pm. Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) Hon. President Gundappa Gowda will preside. Several awareness programmes, cultural events, special lectures and competitions will be held throughout the camp.

Annual Day

'Maharshi Taraswi - 29', the Annual Day celebrations of Maharshi Institutions — Nursery, Public School and PU College — will be held at the School premises in Vishveshwaranagar on Dec. 17 at 4.30 pm. Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI) Ramachandra Raje Urs will be the chief guest. Maharshi Institutions Managing Trustee Dr. Bhavani Shankar will preside. Various cultural programmes including dance drama 'Bhoo Kailasa' will be performed on the occasion. [Ph: 0821-2484948]

Rangoli, Sobane Pada contest

As part of Suttur Jatra Mahotsava scheduled to take place at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk from Jan. 18 to 23, 2023, the Jatra Mahotsava Samiti will be conducting Rangoli and Sobane Pada contests at Suttur on Jan. 18. Both men and women can take part in the contests. Winners will be presented with cash prizes and certificates. Interested may register before Jan. 10, 2023. [Ph: 0821-2548212-122 or 08221-295018 or Mob: 99451-02963]

WATER LEVEL

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Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	119.96 feet
Yesterday	:	119.74 feet
Inflow	:	5,779 cusecs
Outflow	:	2,403 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,271.32 feet
Inflow	:	625 cusecs
Outflow	:	504 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,831.68 feet
Inflow	:	583 cusecs
Outflow	:	600 cusecs

Tonnes of waste removed from River Kapila in Nanjangud

Nanjangud, Dec. 14- The volunteers of Yuva Brigade, in their three-day-long cleaning drive have removed tonnes of waste materials from Kapila River in Nanjangud.

The volunteers, who assembled on the banks of the river at about 6.30 am on Sunday, began their cleaning drive amidst drizzle and cold weather.

They first removed the algae, floating plants and drifted wood which had accumulated near Hadinaaru Kaalu Mantapa and later moved towards the bathing ghats, where they removed more than five tractor loads of discarded clothes, sarees, photos of Gods and Goddesses, glass pieces etc.

About 30 volunteers took part in the cleaning which went on till 6 pm. The cleaning drive was conducted on Monday too and yesterday, an earth-excavating machine was brought to the river banks which loaded the waste materials to trucks and tractors to be disposed off scientifically.

Yuva Brigade's South Zone Convenor Chandrashekar said that the volunteers of Yuva Brigade have been cleaning Kapila River since eight years.

"Earlier, public announcements were being made asking devotees not to discard clothes in the river and fines were also being collected from those found violating the warnings. This had resulted in less accumulation of wastes in the river. Now, the staff have been deployed elsewhere and even imposing fines have also been stopped resulting too much of waste accumulation in the river. Even the Temple Administration had requested devotees not to throw waste and discard clothes in the River," he added.

Sunil, Ramanujam, Arjun, Rangaswamy, Prajwal, Gopal, Anil, Mahendra, Chandan, Abhi, Prasanna, Nithin, Jayashree and others took part in the drive.

Protest against anti-farmer policies in city on Dec. 17

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (MTY&TRR) The farmers will stage a protest against the anti-farmer policies of both Union and State Governments in city on Dec.17, said Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene leader Vidyasagar.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here on Monday, he said that both Union and State Governments have ignored farmers and have failed to solve their problems and by giving false assurances they are misleading the farmers.

He further said that to condemn the anti-farmer policies of the Governments, a protest march will be taken out on Dec. 17 at 11 am from Gun House Circle, which will pass through New Sayyaji Rao Road, Santhepet, Devaraja Urs Road and reach Deputy Commissioner's Office where a memorandum will be submitted.

He said that their demands include fixing of Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of Rs. 4,500 per ton for sugarcane, opening of paddy purchase centres since harvesting of paddy has started in the State, farmers be paid Rs. 45 per litre of milk, Rs. 25 lakh compensation for the family of persons killed by wild animals, Rs. 20,000 compensation in case of death of animals like sheep and goat, Rs. 1 lakh in case of death of animals like cow, buffalo and bull, to drop fixing of meters for drinking water connection to homes under Jal Jeevan Mission and also not to fix meters for farmers' agricultural pump-sets.

Manju Kiran of Hasiru Sene, Immavu Raghu, Kallipura Mahadevaswamy and Krishnegowda were present at the press meet.

Lawyers demand introduction of Advocates Protection Act

Abstain from Court proceedings, submit memorandum

Mysuru Bar Association President M. Mahadevaswamy submitting a memorandum, addressed to the Chief Minister, to Assistant Commissioner Kamala Bai in front of the District Law Courts Complex in city yesterday as Secretary S. Umesha and others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (RKB&DM)- Alleging that attacks and atrocities against advocates are on the rise in the State, members of Mysuru Bar Association staged a demonstration in front of Mahatma Gandhi's bust, opposite the District Law Courts Complex here yesterday, seeking immediate introduction of the Advocates Protection Act, which has been submitted by the Bar Council.

The Lawyers, responding to a State-wide call from Karnataka Bar Council, Bengaluru, stayed away from Court proceedings and took part in the protest.

Maintaining that attacks on them are on the rise, the Lawyers said that they were facing a lot of difficulties in taking up cases due to threats and physical attacks.

Urging the Government to come to their rescue by introducing the Advocates Protection Act, they said that the Act has become necessary to safeguard them against attacks and threats.

The Lawyers later submitted a memorandum, addressed to the Chief Minister, to Assistant Commissioner Kamala Bai, who went to the spot upon coming to know of the protest. She promised to bring the matter to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) and also forward the memorandum to the CM.

Mysuru Bar Association President M. Mahadevaswamy, Secretary S. Umesha and others were present.

Speeding truck kills elephant inside Bandipur Tiger Reserve

Gundlupet, Dec. 14 (MTY,SBD &KS)- A speeding truck fatally knocked down a female elephant aged about 35 years on National Highway-766 (212) inside Bandipur Reserve Forest yesterday night and the elephant breathed its last after writing in pain for an hour on the road.

The accident took place on Gundlupet-Kerala National Highway-766 between Maddur check-post and Moolehole check-post at about 8.30 pm.

Details: The speeding truck (TN-99-C-7677), which was coming from Kerala side to Mysuru, hit the elephant which was crossing the road. The elephant, which fell on the road due to serious injuries, was writhing in pain.

Bandipur Veterinarians and Forest officials, who rushed to the spot, began to treat the elephant in a bid to save its life but in vain. The injured elephant breathed its last after struggling for an hour on the road, sources said.

It is learnt that rash and negligent driving was the cause for the elephant's death. As night traffic is banned on the National Highway, that passed through Bandipur Tiger Reserve from 9 pm, as there will be more movement of wildlife, most motorists enter the check-posts within 9 pm and speed on the road to cross over the next post and move further.

Here too, the truck driver is said to have entered the forest at about 8 pm and was speeding on the National Highway inside the forest area to reach the other check-post during which he reportedly hit the female elephant which was crossing the road inside the forest at about 8.30 pm. The injured elephant which fell on the road struggled for an hour and breathed its last at about 9.30 pm.

The Forest Department officials have taken the truck driver and his assistant into custody and have taken future course of action. Post-mortem of the elephant will be conducted today.

Night traffic ban

Night traffic has been banned on Gundlupet-Ooty NH-67 and on Gundlupet-Kerala NH-766 that passes inside the Forest from 9 pm to 6 am as movement of wild animals is more during this time. But the Kerala Government had asked the Centre seeking revoking of the ban as this route was very much necessary to transport goods between the two States.

But the Supreme Court on Aug. 7, 2019, directed the continuation of the overnight traffic ban on the NH running through the core area of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

The Court relied upon the suggestions given by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and other experts views for the continuance of the ban on traffic between 9 pm and 6 am on the NH-212, saying, "we need to accept it at present."

Obituary

Sannaiah

Mysuru, Dec. 14- Sannaiah (58), a resident of Tonachikoppal, passed away on Tuesday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, children, brothers and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Janata Nagar Burial Grounds this morning.

H.M. Javaregowda

H.M. Javaregowda (83), a retired teacher and a resident of Huyilalu village, passed away on Tuesday at his residence. He leaves behind his children, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the village yesterday.

Krishnegowda

Krishnegowda, an Electrical Contractor and a resident of Honnenalli, passed away on Tuesday at the village. He leaves behind his wife Kumari, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed this afternoon at the village.

Andhra-based minor girl rescued

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (RK&KS)-Anti Human Trafficking Unit Police personnel, with the help of a city-based organisation, have rescued a minor girl from Andhra Pradesh at Suburban Bus Stand in city.

Acting on a tip off, the Police, who reached the Bus Stand, rescued the minor, who was with two women and brought her to the Anti Human Trafficking Unit in Women's Police Station and conducted an enquiry.

Though the women, who were with the girl, told the Police that they were her (minor girl) relatives, they were not clear with their statements and hence, the girl was handed over to the Girl's Balamandira, said Devaraja Sub-Division ACP M.N. Shashidhar.

A personal counselling will be held with the minor girl and if at all it is found that the minor girl was being brought to push her to flesh trade, a case will be registered and legal action would be initiated, the ACP said and added that action will be taken based on the report pertaining to whether the two women are the relatives of the minor or not; for what purpose the girl was brought to Mysuru; the girl's parents etc.

The Police received information that the two women, after providing breakfast to the minor girl at a hotel, were bringing her to the Bus Stand in an auto. The auto driver, who brought the women and the girl to the Bus Stand, left them and went away. The women and the girl were boarding a bus towards Bandipur side, the Police conducted an operation and rescued the minor girl, it is learnt. Police said that though the two women were subjected to interrogation, their statements have given rise to doubts.

Women's Police Station Inspector Arunakumari, S. Sheela of District Children's Special Police Unit and members of the city-based organisation took part in the operation.

Leopard cub trapped near Antharasanthe

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (SBD&KS)- A female leopard cub, aged between 8 and 9 months, has been trapped inside a case which was placed by the Forest Department at an agricultural field near Kabini backwaters on Monday.

On Sunday, a leopard had killed a calf belonging to Javaregowda of Badanakuppe village near Antharasanthe. The Forest Department officials, who inspected the spot, had placed a cage to trap the leopard following pressure from the villagers and on Monday, a female leopard cub was found trapped inside the cage.

Range Forest Officer (RFO) K. Prasannakumar, Deputy RFO P. Chandan and staff, who rushed to the spot, shifted the cage along with the cub near the office of the RFO, where the leopard cub was provided first-aid.

The cub is healthy and after receiving directions from their senior officers, the cub will be released inside the forest area. The experts' opinion that the cub is capable of hunting to feed itself as it was about 9-month-old and can be released anywhere inside the forest has been conveyed to the higher officers.

Meanwhile, the villagers have stated that there are two adult leopards prowling near the villages and urged the Forest officials to place more cages to trap them.

The villagers said that the Forest Department was not taking any steps to capture the leopards which were resulting in the leopards killing their livestock and causing huge loss to them. The Forest officials have assured the villagers of placing more cages to trap the leopards soon.

Expedite road works on war-footing: Mayor

Meeting held with officials, contractors

Mysuru, Dec.14 (RK&DM)- With the condition of city roads deteriorating by the day due to rains and other factors, Mayor Shivakumar asked the officials to take up road asphalting and pothole filling works soon after the unseasonal rains end.

Speaking at a meeting with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials and contractors at the MCC Old Council Hall here on Monday, Shivakumar said that though work orders were issued during Dasara for taking up road asphalting, pothole filling and other road development works, the works could not be completed due to unseasonal rains and unfavourable weather conditions.

As the citizens and motorists are experiencing a lot of inconvenience due to poor condition of roads, the contractors must expedite the works on a war-footing once the fresh spell of rains that the city is facing for the past couple of days, ends.

The contractors demanded return of 5 percent EMD deposit to unsuccessful bidders of roadwork contracts and to clear all pending bills that are due to contractors.

Mayor Shivakumar directed MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy to return the 5 percent EMD deposit without any further delay and to clear pending bills on seniority basis.

Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa, Superintending Engineer (SE) Mahesh and office-bearers of MCC Contractors Association were present.

Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Is religion darkness?

It was early morning of 3rd December, 2022 when I reached home from Bengaluru Airport on my return from Kashmir. Having slept in the Flybus, sleep has bid me goodbye and a hot cup of coffee fortified my body enough to remain awake for some more time.

I switched on the TV and what do I see? A film titled *Life of Pi*, a beautiful movie that had an Indian theme and actors including animals, no less a Bengal tiger by name Richard Parker. The film had won many awards, including Oscar.

I had seen this 2012 film twice before in the theatre. I was mesmerised by its visuals and action, paying casual attention to its dialogues. But this time on TV, I listened to what the 16-year-old protagonist of the movie Pi Patel was saying. There were sub-titles too.

Story revolves around a South Indian family that ran a Zoo and for a reason decides to move to Canada with the animals on a Japanese ship. The ship sinks. What caused the ship to sink, the only survivor Pi Patel (the tiger too survived) did not know.

The time Pi Patel spent on the life-boat and the small raft with Richard Parker is the main stay of the film. And herein comes the thought of God for Pi Patel as often as he needed to assure himself of some help coming to save him and Richard Parker. This is because, probably, that Pi was raised in a Hindu family, but at 12 years old, he was introduced to Christianity and then Islam. However, he decides to follow all three religions as he **"Just wants to love God."** After all, as some one said, each religion has imprisoned the God it has fancied in the prison called the Religion! **However, for Pi Patel only God mattered not the Religion. Wise boy indeed!**

The confrontation between Richard Parker, the animal and Pi Patel, the human being was such, the man Pi Patel says, 'He (Richard Parker) was so bad he brought out the evil in me.' Yes, when some humans become Richard Parker, the Bengal tiger, the other good humans perforce will have to bring out the evil in them to save their lives and survive. That, perhaps is the existential law and also the moral of this monologue by Pi Patel in his relation with Richard Parker. If our country suffer from this kind of a situation? Don't accept (your situation) blindly. But think religiously. God works in mysterious ways. Despite Pi Patel's moral code against killing, he compromises and kills fish for food for himself and the tiger for survival. **But what if religion is darkness?** Find your own light to find out what is there in the darkness. That could be the reason why the Father of Communism Karl Marx called **Religion** as 'the **Opium** of the people.' Not **God,** I suppose.

Pi Patel tells Richard Parker, "Welcome to Pi's Ark". But what it meant to Pi Patel thereafter? Hell. He sees Lord Krishna in the fish! Food for himself and Richard Parker. **'Hunger can change everything one believes in.'** I thought of religious conversion as I listened to this dialogue.

One interesting dialogue was 'we cannot **communicate** (with Richard Parker) but with God's grace we can **train** him.' Some idea for the law-enforcing authorities, I guess. But 'above all, do not lose hope.' 'Come out Richard Parker. It is beautiful.' 'I have lost my family, I lost everything,' says Pi Patel. Meaning, yet he has not lost hope.

Finally, when things turn bad, Pi Patel says, 'Thank God. I am ready now to die with Richard Parker.' God may give him up, but he is not ready to give up God. Rather he thanks God!

'God gave me time to continue my journey. I do not know what to say,' Pi Patel says being on the floating island from where he soon reaches Mexico and lands on the solid earth, on the beach where Richard Parker walks out on him (like an ungrateful fellow) without any remorse, without even looking back at Pi Patel for a last goodbye. For Pi Patel his life's journey continues beginning with the Japanese Insurance officials, the Doubting Thomases, whom, in desperation, he feeds with two stories of his sea journey for them to choose from. Like Pi Patel had choice to choose between **Religions** but he chose **God**!

An amazing story of our life, life's journey with 'animals' to live in our midst and yet God's grace comes to the rescue of good people like Pi Patel, no matter the **religion is darkness.**

LAST WORD: *If religion is darkness, God is light !*

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Man from Mysuru arrested for cheating elders using ATM card

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The accused, according to the Police, would target only senior citizens visiting ATMs and on the pretext of helping them withdraw cash, would record their PIN and replace their debit card with a similar dummy card.

After identifying his target, Kiran Kumar used to stand behind the senior citizen, while the elderly person attempted to withdraw cash. He used to watch the ATM PIN being entered. The accused, under the pretext of helping the senior citizen, takes his debit card and swaps it with the same bank's discarded debit card.

As the senior citizen is unable to withdraw money, he leaves the kiosk, unaware that his debit card had been swapped by the accused. Only later, he realises that money has been withdrawn from his bank account.

Using a similar *modus operandi,* the accused cheated Reddappa, a elderly man from Sulikunte village, when he had visited an ATM on B.B. Road in Chikkaballapur.

Using the victim's PIN and the debit card, the accused had withdrawn Rs. 1.6 lakh and had escaped. Based on a complaint, the Police stepped up vigil and deployed Policemen in plain clothes to look out for the suspect.

KSEAB to conduct annual exam for classes 5 and 8

Bengaluru, Dec. 14- The Department of Public Instruction yesterday announced that the Karnataka State Evaluation and Assessment Board (KSEAB) will conduct annual exams for students of classes 5 and 8 from the current academic year. This is applicable for all Schools affiliated to the State Board.

The decision is part of the Government's effort to measure the progress and performance of students at the elementary level for the entire year. The main objective is to bring more seriousness among students and recover from the learning loss caused due to the pandemic.

As of now, children are assessed through Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE), the Government has decided to switch to annual exam system considering the difficulties in assessing children's overall learning under CCE. The annual exams will be held between Mar. 9 and Mar. 17, 2023.

The question papers will carry a total of 50 marks. Out of which, 10 marks are dedicated to oral tests, 20 marks for multiple-choice questions and 20 marks for descriptive answers. The duration of the exam will be two hours. Meanwhile, the other 50 marks will be awarded based on the assessment of results in Formative Assessment (FA) 1, FA 2, and Summative Assessment (SA) 1 exams.

Pension Adalat for P&T employees held in city

Mysuru, Dec.14 (RKB&TRR)- A Pension Adalat was held for the Post and Telegraph (P&T) Department employees at the Office of the Senior Superintendent at Yadavagiri Post Office in city on Monday.

About 20 retired employees of the Department participated in the Adalat and aired their grievances like delay in getting pension and demanded a separate counter for senior citizens.

Senior Superintendent A.K. Nayak, told *SOM* that the delay in getting pension was due to server problem which has now been fixed and there won't be any delay in future.

About the demand for a separate counter for senior citizens, he said a decision will be taken in this connection in the coming days.

Post-matric hostel admissions

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (SSM)- The Backward Classes Welfare Department, T. Narasipur taluk, has invited online applications from students belonging to Category-1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, SC/ST and other communities for admission to its post-matric girls and boys hostels.

Candidates who are pursuing Post Graduation or any professional courses are eligible to apply. The annual income of the student's family belonging to Category-1/SC/ST should be below Rs. 2.5 lakh while for Category 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B and OBC must not be more than Rs. 1 lakh.

Applications may be submitted by logging on to *https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in* before Dec. 19. If any technical issue arises while applying online, candidates may send e-mail to: *bcwd.hostels@karnataka.gov.in.* Call Helpline No.: 080-80503-70006.

Ashokapuram Station yard remodelling work begins

Project taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 30.42 crore

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (RK&BCT)- The South Western Railway (SWR) has begun the yard remodelling of Ashokapuram Railway Station to create additional stabling lines so as to overcome the capacity constraints of Mysuru City Railway Station and to augment the berthing capacity.

While Phase 1 of the yard remodelling works will cost Rs. 15.17 crore, Phase 2 will cost Rs. 13.39 crore. Another part of the work will be undertaken at a cost of Rs. 1.86 crore. Overall, the works are being undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs. 30.42 crore. The tentative completion of Phase 1 is February 2023 while Phase 2 is targeted for completion in June 2023, Railway officials told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

The project was discussed and fast-tracked at the Gati Shakti Unit meeting chaired on Nov. 10 this year by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha in the presence of Divisional Railway Manager Rahul Agarwal and other officers.

The yard remodelling will not only improve operational efficiency but also will enable the introduction of additional long-distance trains and MEMU services from Mysuru.

As part of the ongoing Phase 1 works, the foot-over-bridge will be extended at a cost of Rs. 1.86 crore. Railway officers said that the present foot-over-bridge connects platforms 1, 2 and 3. It will be extended to connect to the new platforms 4 and 5. The new foot-over-bridge will connect the outer areas of Ashokapuram towards Srirampura.

This apart, there will be a couple of additional passenger facilities at Ashokapuram like the provision of three additional platform lines, and the construction of new platforms 4 and 5. The existing platform 1 will be extended by 87.5 mts and platform 2 and 3 by 57.5 mts.

The aim is to be commuter-friendly and the facilities proposed are three additional platform lines, four additional pit lines, four additional stabling lines, and one additional shunting neck and facilities for watering the coaches. These facilities will de-congest the existing entry and ease passenger movement, officials said.

Additional land requirement

Notably, the expansion works hinge on acquiring private land extending up to 300 square metres. The Gati Shakti Unit meeting noted the availability of Government land extending up to 5,000 square metres at Ashokapuram and the MP had assured that Mysuru Deputy Commissioner will be taken to the location for the land sanction.

Meanwhile, the work to create two stabling lines at Belagola Station has been completed. The SWR took up the upgradation of Belagola Railway Station, in the outskirts of the city in Mysuru-Hassan-Arasikere Section.

The Belagola Railway Station had three stabling lines and now, two more have come up taking the total stabling lines to five while the Mysuru City Railway Station has six stabling lines. The estimated cost of the Belagola project is Rs. 15 to Rs. 20 crore.

Preparation for future requirements

Even Mysuru City Railway Station will have 3 additional platforms, 4 stabling lines, 4 pit lines and 1 shunting neck & Naganahalli will have one platform, 1 covered pit line and 1 stabling line.

It may be mentioned here that the Naganahalli Satellite Terminal Project has been shelved as there is a requirement for vast land acquisition of up to 165 acres. Instead, authorities have decided to initiate development works next to the City Railway Station with an estimated cost of Rs. 493 crore after demolishing the Railway Quarters.

These staff quarters stand on a 65-acre land owned by the Railways and over 350 staff quarters beginning near the CFTRI Gate Railway Station entrance from Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) on KRS Road till A. Ramanna Circle (Railway Colony) will be demolished after the families are suitably relocated.

The expanded City Railway Station, remodelling of the Ashokapuram Railway Station and the capacity increase at Belagola Station will meet the long-term requirements of Mysuru city for the next few decades.

Obituary

Dakshayani

Mysuru, Dec. 14- Dakshayani (62), wife of late L. Balakrishna and a resident of Balakrishna Rao Road in Chamarajapuram, passed away this morning following brief illness.

Daughter-in-law of former MUDA Chairman D. Lingaiah, she leaves behind daughters Sushma Druva and Chennamma, son-in-law Druva Urs and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

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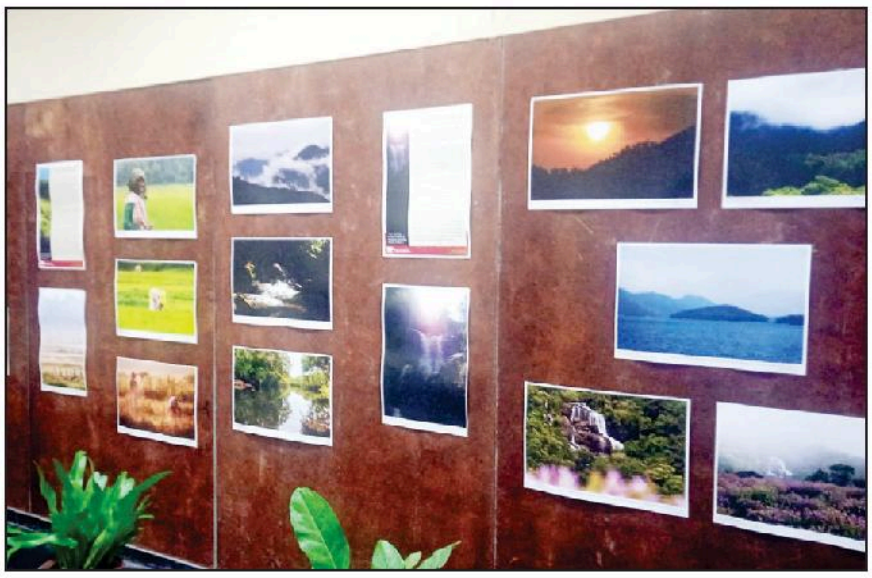
Western Ghats in all shades of green opens at RMNH

Month-long photo exhibition brings alive one of the jewels that remain on earth



Mysuru, Dec. 14 (PM&DM)- Marking International Mountain Day, a month-long photography exhibition on the theme 'Western Ghats' began at Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Siddarthanagar in the city on Sunday (Dec. 11).

The exhibition is an attempt to celebrate the glorious natural history of the mountain range closest to us — The Western Ghats, which cover Kodagu in Karnataka, Ooty in Tamil Nadu and Munnar Hill Range in Kerala.

The expo is a collaborative effort of RMNH and writer, photographer K.C. Mandappa to raise awareness and inspire passion and conservation of mountains that are responsible for life sustenance and also livelihoods.

Mandappa

The photography exhibition was inaugurated by Munnar Tata Tea Estate Manager Dr. K.N. Chengappa in the presence of RMNH Chief Dr. A.P. Tiwari, senior scientists M. Vijay and Education Officer B.S. Yogendra.

The expo has a total of 36 incredible photographs captured by Mandappa that explore the beautiful scenic geographical features, the flora and fauna, rich greenery and beautiful natural landscapes of Kodagu district. The photograph that displays two wild elephants passing through a water body at Pollibetta in Virajpet taluk, is much symbolic of wildlife and biodiversity in the district.

The photograph of a green snake which can hardly be noticed amidst the rich greenery, showcases the mysteries of nature. A photograph featuring three Nilgiri Tahrs roaming around in Munnar Hill range of Kerala is equally exciting.

Apart from this, the exhibition has many other interesting, exciting and absorbing rare photographs, featuring the hill ranges around the Paadi Igguthappa Temple at Kakkabbe, the flow of Cauvery as a small river near Napoklu, Nilgiri Hill range etc.

Mandappa said that the exhibition, apart from Kodagu district, has many photographs on places close to Mysuru that come under the Western Ghats. Pointing out that the photographs on display cover various aspects and activities concerning wildlife, agriculture, hill ranges, the rich flora and fauna, natural vegetation etc., in Kodagu district, he said that the expo also has many magnificent and captivating photos on Ooty and Munnar Hill ranges and the vast landscapes.

At this exhibition, one can experience the Western Ghats like never before and see some of the most threatened and vulnerable species on the Indian subcontinent in an area that routinely faces obstacles to conservation such as human-wildlife conflict, habitat fragmentation, habitat destruction, and road-related wildlife kills.

RMNH Education Officer B.S. Yogendra said that Mandappa has been excellent in capturing the geographical features of the beautiful landscapes of Western Ghats in a most absorbing manner.

Noting that Mandappa has carried out an in-depth study of the geographical features of Western Ghats, he said that water bodies like lakes and rivers and other water sources can exist only if there are hill ranges.

Pointing out that agriculture is an integral part of our nature, he said that mountains and hill ranges are crucial for survival of wildlife, vegetation and habitation. He further said that the illustration of the photographs too is excellent. "These photographs are arguably the most valuable tools we have for raising awareness and mobilising efforts to protect what jewels remain on this planet," he added.

Expo open till Jan. 10

The month-long photography expo which opened on Dec. 11, will go on till Jan. 10, 2023. It will be open on all days from 10 am to 6 pm, barring Monday, which is a weekly-off day and other public holidays.

Sri Kaveri Kodava Association Mysuru-East holds get-together

Mysuru, Dec. 14- The annual get-together of Sri Kaveri Kodava Association, Mysuru-East, was held at its premises in Vidyashankar Layout in city on Nov. 27. Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa was the chief guest. Kodava Samaja Mysuru President Mechanda M. Shashi Ponnappa was the special invitee. Association President Puliyanda S. Devaiah presided over the function.

Three senior members — Kalappanda B. Vishwanath, Kanjithanda K. Aiyappa (ex-President) and Chowrira K. Seethamma (Chairperson - Academic Council) — were honoured by the Association for their selfless contribution.

Also, three members from the Association — Ittira Dr. Priya Uthaiah, Pattamada Dr. Lavya Muthamma and Manduvanda Kumari Ektha Ganapathy — were felicitated for their outstanding achievement in the field of education.

Students who achieved academic excellence were also honoured by the Association. Members gathered in large numbers and made the event a grand success.

Rs.1,100 crore to fill up lakes in Chamarajanagar district: CM

Chamarajanagar, Dec.14 (DM)- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the Government is committed to fill up all lakes in Chamarajanagar district in phases.

He was speaking after inaugurating a slew of developmental projects at a programme organised by Chamarajanagar District Administration and Zilla Panchayat (ZP) at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar stadium here on Tuesday.

Pointing out that as Irrigation Minister in the B.S. Yediyurappa cabinet earlier, had launched the lake filling project, following which 63 lakes have been filled up at a cost of Rs. 697 crore in the first phase and now the filling up of 121 lakes at a cost of Rs. 57 crore is underway in the second phase.

Maintaining that a DPR (Detailed Project Report) has been prepared for filling up all lakes and other water bodies in the district at a cost of Rs.1,100 crore, Bommai said that the Government is also engaged in providing piped drinking water to all houses under the centre's Jal Jeevan Mission. Highlighting the Welfare schemes of his Government, the CM said that 8,000 class rooms will be added in schools across the State, 20 lakh farmers will get loans and the popular Yeshasvini Health Scheme has been re-introduced.

Chamarajanagar MLA C. Puttarangashetty wanted the Government to sanction Rs. 276 crore for an exclusive drinking water project for Chamarajanagar that aims to draw water from the river near Hosamalangi, construction of a new KSRTC Central bus-stand at Chamarajanagar and release of grants for SC/ST Welfare schemes. Bommai laid the foundation stone, launched projects and works totally worth over Rs.1,000 crore, following which the benefits of various schemes were distributed.

District In-charge Minister V. Somanna, Revenue Minister R. Ashok, MLA C.S. Niranjan Kumar, MLC Marithibbegowda, CADA (Cauvery) Chairman G. Nijagunaraju, Chamarajanagar CMC President Asha Nataraj, Deputy Commissioner D.S. Ramesh, Regional Commissioner G.C. Prakash, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, SP T.P. Shivakumar, leaders Ammanapura Mallesh, R. Sundar, Prof. K.R. Mallikarjunappa, Mangala Shivakumar and others were present.

Bommai offers prayers at M.M. Hills

Bommai visited the famed Male Mahadeshwara (M.M.) Hills Temple in Hanur taluk of the district and offered prayers to the deity. Thereafter Bommai held a meeting of M.M. Hills Temple Development Authority, which he heads, at Nagamale Bhavan.

Speaking to presspersons after the meeting, Bommai said thousands of devotees visit the Hill Temple every day and the Government has evolved plans for providing facilities for devotees.

Pointing out that he has directed the Officials to build dormitories and expedite civil works of Underground Drainage (UGD) system at M.M. Hills, the CM said the huge statue of Lord Malai Mahadeshwara is expected to be installed next month and the roads leading to the Hills will be developed.

Referring to the proposal regarding the announcement of M.M. Hills Tiger Reserve, he said that the matter is before the Karnataka Wildlife Board. The project has not been finalised as yet and the Government has sought some clarifications on Human habitats in the area, he added.

Mock drill held to test quick response at Mysore Airport

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (BCT)- A mock drill was conducted at the Mysore Airport in Mandakalli to test the emergency response protocol yesterday and over 80 personnel from different agencies participated in the drill.

According to Airport authorities, the drill was a full-scale emergency exercise after the COVID-19 pandemic to deal with the aircraft and record the response time of the crew. Such exercises are mandatory and happen regularly to revise the protocol, they said.

The exercise was carried out during the no-aircraft movement time from 11.20 am and was completed in 35 minutes to ensure that no disruption occurred to the normal operation of the Airport.

A dummy aircraft that was designed specifically for the purpose, was set on fire to symbolise a disaster and two passengers were 'declared dead'. The fire was doused within two minutes while the injured were 'shifted' to a hospital for 'treatment', which helped minimise the fatalities. All the procedures, including minute details were followed as per the disaster management template and standard operating procedure. "It took just two minutes to respond in the shortest time. This continued effort is to remind and ensure all agencies and team members are sensitised about their role in times of emergency," said a statement from the Airport.

The aircraft was set on fire at an open area far from the runway and information was passed on to the fire and rescue service office located close to the runway. A real-time emergency situation was enacted during the drill. The personnel were told that a passenger aircraft had an emergency landing and has caught fire.

Officers said that the mock drill was conducted to improve preparedness of airport crash tenders and fire-fighting personnel to respond to emergencies. The drill assessed the speed of vehicles, its capability to discharge fire retardants and promptness of the fire and rescue service personnel.

The participating teams included Fire and Emergency Services Personnel, Karnataka Industrial Security Force, State Police, medical and paramedical staff drawn from Apollo and JSS hospitals.

Reality of life, its struggles presented through plays

A scene from the play 'By 2 Coffee'.

Artistes enacting the play 'Bodas de Sangre'.

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (MK&BCT)- For centuries, theatre productions have mirrored the lives of audiences and highlighted the everyday issues and struggles, often in seemingly subtle yet piercing ways.

Technical adaptations and reinventions aside, this age-old story about life, corruption, domestic drudgery, discord in families caused by external factors, ruthless ambition, betrayal, treachery, violence and distrust continues to enthral audiences.

The ongoing Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival at Rangayana continues to convey the message of social relevance and they resonate with audiences from many cultural backgrounds. The plays presented as part of the festival last evening had variety and entertained with plots, acting, costumes and settings.

'By 2 Coffee' (Bhoomigeeta)

'By 2 Coffee' begins at dusk and ends when mother and son see the light at dawn. The play was staged by Bengaluru-based 'Wemove Theatre' and the play is the result of the conversations the playwright and director Abhishek Iyengar has had with his mother.

The play revolves around a mother who worries about her son's welfare and wishes to get him married soon. While on his annual home visit from the US, the son and mother go on an overnight journey to a temple. The car breaks down in the middle of nowhere and they sit down for a by-two-coffee at a roadside *dhaba* where they converse.

Though it is a summary of the conversations between a mother and son, largely it is a conversation between two generations — the older and the younger. While the younger generation believes that what they say and practice is right, the older generation thinks that they are right — leading to conflict. As the play portrays both perspectives, the audience is compelled to see if there is a middle ground.

'Tukkoji' (Sampath Rangamandira)

The Kannada play 'Tukkoji' written by Poornachandra Tejaswi and has been adapted to the stage by H.C. Rameshchand and directed by Walter D'Souza. Bengaluru-based Sneharanga troupe.

The play talks about the change that civilisation has brought about. It depicts how artisans, farmers, labourers, skilled tradesmen such as tailors, cobblers etc. are bearing the brunt of the 'so-called development'.

Showcasing how they struggle in this urban world with their old talent and constantly trying to match with the new skills, the play beautifully depicts their pain and sufferings. It depicts their struggles and their attempts to adapt in this all-new mechanised world.

'Bodas de Sangre' (Vanaranga)

The play *'Bodas de Sangre'* (Haryanvi) performed by Vibhaav troupe from Chandigarh in Punjab was a witness to a riveting performance. The playwright is Federico Garcia Lorca and has been directed by Nitin Sharma.

Blood Wedding (Spanish: Bodas de Sangre) is a tragedy written in 1932. The protagonists are ordinary women confronting their own passionate natures and rebelling against the constraints of Spanish society. The unnamed bride in the play runs away from her wedding reception with her former suitor, Leonardo, who is married.

Death, in the person of a beggar, leads the frustrated bridegroom to the guilty couple. The men kill each other, leaving the bereaved women — Leonardo's wife, the bridegroom's mother, and the bride — to bewail their losses.

'Udiyolagana Kichu' (Kalamandira)

The Kannada play 'Udiyolagana Kichu' performed by Arehole Pratishtana of Mangaluru narrates the story of a woman who faces severe injustice through the ages. The drama portrays the character of the woman who has faced injustice from the period of Kalidasa in his *Abhijnana Shakuntala* who is cheated by Dushyant and the woman who faced the wrath of Saint Doorvasa.

Playwright Prashant Udyavara, who has also directed the play, portrays how the anger that is buried deep in the woman for centuries bursts out as a flame in the present day.

'Dharege Doddavaru' (B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi)

Art lovers were in for a treat at *'Dharege Doddavaru'*, the rendition of poems of Madeshwara-Manteswamy. The team led by Dr. Malavalli Mahadevaswamy enthralled the audience.

Neelagaras found around Pandavapura, Maddur and Malavalli are prominent professional singers. They are also known by names such as Mantedavaru, Mantedayya, Manteswamy, Dharege Doddavaru, etc.

Kannada play 'Tukkoji' staged at Sampath Rangamandira. A scene from 'Udiyolagana Kichu' at Kalamandira.

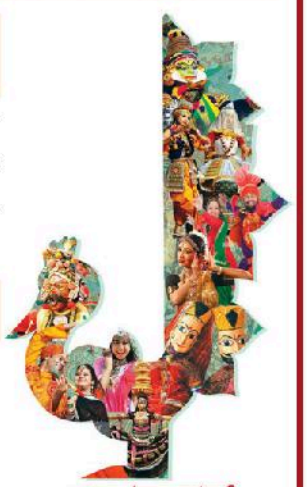
Bahuroopi-2022

National Theatre Festival

EVENTS TODAY (Dec. 14)

Janapadotsava at Vanaranga

5 pm: Chit Mela by Omkar Murthy and troupe, Hassan; Folk Songs by Shubha Raghavendra, Mysuru.



Staging of Plays

6.30 pm: *Better Half* (Hindi). Troupe: Chetana Rang Samuh, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh; Playwright and Direction: Ashish Srivastav; **Venue:** Bhoomigeeta.

7 pm: *Panchakanya Smarenityam* (Kannada). Troupe: Ranga Sampada, Belagavi; Playwright: Vinuta Hanchinamani; Direction: Dr. Aravinda Kulkarni; **Venue:** Sampath Rangamandira.

7.30 pm: *Vidya Sundari Bengaluru Nagaratnamma* (Kannada). Troupe: Benaka, Bengaluru; Story: Maleyuru Guruswamy; Stage adaptation: Huli Shekar and Pratibha Nandakumar; Direction: T.S. Nagabharana; **Venue:** Kalamandira.

EVENTS TOMORROW (Dec. 15)

Cultural Programmes at B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi

4 pm to 5 pm: Folk Dance by specially-abled artistes of Nithya Nirantara Trust, Mysuru; Tala-Maddale by Divakara Hegde, Mysuru.

International Film Festival at Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar Chitra Mandira

10.30 am to 12 noon: *Coral Woman* [English - 53 minutes; Director: Priya Thuvassery]; *The Stork Saviours* [2019 - English - 28 minutes; Directors: Vijay Bedi and Ajay Bedi].

12 noon to 1.30 pm: *Timbaktu* [2012 - 28 minutes; Directors: Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh]; *Souhruda* [2022 - Malayalam - 18 minutes; Director: Uma Sannasi].

2 pm to 4.30 pm: *Gandhadagudi* [1973 - Kannada - 143 minutes; Director: Vijay]

Janapadotsava at Vanaranga

5 pm: Veeragase by K.N. Mahesh, Mysuru; Bhola Kat by Suraj and troupe, Kodagu.

Staging of Plays

6.30 pm: *Chayachitram Mayachitram* (Malayalam). Troupe: Lokadharmi, Ernakulam, Kochi; Playwright: Dr. Jebin Jesmus; Direction: Dr. Chandradasan; **Venue:** Bhoomigeeta.

7 pm: *Avani* (Kannada). Troupe: Samanvitha, Bengaluru; Playwright: K.V. Radhakrishna; Direction: Akshatha Mayasandra; **Venue:** Sampath Rangamandira.

7.30 pm: *Mayabazar* (Telugu). Troupe: Sri Venkateshwara Surabhi Theatre, Telangana; Playwright: Malladi Venkatakrishna Sharma; Direction: Surabhi Jayachandra Varma; **Venue:** Kalamandira.

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Varalaru Mukkiyam (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Naai Sekar Returns (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Gurutundha Seetakalam (Te)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Vijayanand (K)	(S-3)	10.35am, 4pm, 7pm, 10.10pm
Dr. 56 (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Gandhada Gudi (K)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-4)	4.00 pm
Kantara (K)	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Saudi Vellakka (Ma)	(S-4)	10.00 pm

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Dr. 56 (K)	:	3.55 pm
Kantara (K)	:	4.30 pm
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Mysuru Dairies (K)	:	7.10 pm
Naai Sekar Returns (Ta)	:	6.45 pm
Panchatantram (Te)	:	12.30 pm
Prayashaha (K)	:	4.20 pm
Salaam Venky (H)	:	10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.15 pm, 10 pm
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Tsunami 143 (K)	:	10.15 am
Triple Riding (K)	:	3.55 pm
Varalaru Mukkiyam (Ta)	:	9.50 pm
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Vijayanand (K)	:	11.55 am, 6.25 pm
Prayashaha (K)	:	12.35 pm
Hit: The 2nd case (Te)	:	1.30 pm, 7.20 pm
Kantara (K)	:	2.55 pm, 9.15 pm
Bond Ravi (K)	:	3.15 pm
Mysore Diaries (K)	:	3.25 pm
Naane Nara Rakshasa (K)	:	6.00 pm
Dr. 56 (K)	:	9.30 pm
An Action Hero (H)	:	9.45 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 14)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** 'My Handloom My Pride' - a Special Handloom Exhibition, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Abhyudaya Mahila Samaja:** Workshop on 'Folk Songs and Light Music Workshop by Scholars,' Abhyudaya Mahila Samaja premises, Dr. Puttaraja Gawai Stadium, 1st Floor, 20th Main Road, J.P. Nagar, **4 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Mahabharatada Udyoga Parva' by Dr. Be.Na. Vijayendrachar, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Department of Religious Endowments, Mysuru:** Sri Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, cultural programmes, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **5.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **PGL Samsmarana Vedike:** 16th Karnataka Kalashree Vid. P.G. Lakshminarayana (PGL) Memorial Music Concert, Flute Duet by Vid. Herambha and Vid. Hemantha, accompanied by Dr. Jyotsna Srikantha on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. Narayana Murthy on ghata, Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.** [Mob: 94480-51564]
- **Rotary Mysore Midown, Imagine Rotary and Zeus Biotech:** Conferring of 'Rotary Mysore Midtown Zeus CSR Award 2022' on NR Foundation, Mysuru, Hotel Grand Mercure, New Sayyaji Rao Road, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 15)

- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** 170th birthday of holy mother Sri Saradadevi, Vedic Chanting, **5.15 am;** Mangalarati and Bhajans, **5.30 am;** Special Puja, **7.30 am;** Sri Lalita Sahasranama Chanting, **8 am;** Bhajans, **9 am;** Reading, **10.35 am;** Arati, **10.45 am;** Homa, **11 am;** Prasada Distribution, **12 noon;** Bhajans by Sri Sharada Samvit Bhajana Mandali, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Discourse in Kannada on 'Srimate Saradadevi, **6 pm;** Sandhyarati and Special Bhajans, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **7 pm to 8 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** 'My Handloom My Pride' - a Special Handloom Exhibition, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** Felicitation to State Rajyotsava awardees and Central Sangeet Natak Academi Awardees, retd. VC Prof. J. Shashidhara Prasad presides, Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University VC Prof. B. Nagesh Bettakote felicitates the awardees, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal delivers keynote address, senior theatre person Rajashekar Kadamba delivers felicitation address, printer and publisher Bettegowda chief guest, Kannada Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Mahabharatada Udyoga Parva' by Dr. Be.Na. Vijayendrachar, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6 pm.**
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- **Chinmaya Mission:** Krishna Rao Prakash delivers discourse on 'Pratah: Smaranam,' Yajnashale, Datta Sannidhi, Chinmaya Mission, Gokulam, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Vocal concert by Vidu. Vrinda Acharya, she will be accompanied by Vid. N.N. Ganesh Kumar on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata. Sangeetha Kalanidhi Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, on JLB Road, **6 pm.**

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Vijayanand (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am, 1.20 pm
		6.45 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-3)	4.25 pm
Dr. 56 (K)	(S-3)	2.05 pm
Hit - The Second Case (Te)	(S-1)	11.10 am, 4.50 pm
Mysore Diaries (K)	(S-3)	7.40 pm
Panchatantram (Te)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Gurthundha Seethakalam (Te)	(S-4)	10.25 am, 7.20 pm
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Naane Nara Rakshasa (K)	:	10.45 am
Salaam Venky (H)	:	10.45 am, 4.35 pm
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Award for NR Foundation

Mysuru, Dec. 14- NR Foundation, Mysuru, will be awarded with 'Rotary Mysore Midtown Zeus CSR Award 2022' at a programme to be held today (Dec. 14) at Hotel Grand Mercure on New Sayyaji Rao Road in city at 6.30 pm under the joint aegis of Rotary Mysore Mitdown, Imagine Rotary and Zeus Biotech.

R. Guru

Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi, Industrialist, CMD, Silent Shores Resort and Dr. N. Muthukumar, President, COO, Meritor HVS India Ltd., Automotive Axles Limited will confer the award on PDG R. Guru, Founder of NR Foundation and Chairman, NR Group.

NR Foundation, the charitable wing of NR Group, founded in 1985 and headed by R. Guru, Chairman of NR Group, works predominantly for the differently abled and the underprivileged and other socially relevant causes.

Scholarship

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (SSM)- The Social Welfare Department, Mysuru taluk, has invited applications from children of parents who are engaged in unhygienic occupation to avail pre-matric scholarships under Post-matric Scholarship Scheme for the year 2022-23.

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